



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR REED

FROM: Councilmember Madison Nguyen
Councilmember Sam Liccardo

SUBJECT: SENTER ROAD I-280 INTERCHANGE CONNECTION **DATE:** November 12, 2009

Approved

Madison Nguyen

Date

11/12/09

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

New Expenditure/Reinstatement

Program/Project Title: Senter Rd. Interstate 280 (I-280) Interchange Connection

RDA Project Area: Merged Redevelopment Area

Amount of Agency Funding Required: \$ 250,000 – to be allocated for FY 2013-2014 Capital Improvement Program

Funding Source

Program/Project Title: Senter Rd. Interstate 280 (I-280) Interchange Connection

Amount of Agency Funding Change: \$ 250,000 – to be allocated for FY 2013-2014 Capital Improvement Program

This change is: One-time X Ongoing

Anticipated Outcomes

Requested funding changes would affect benefits or services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc. in accordance with one of the following goals and objectives relevant to the City's redevelopment efforts:

- ☐ Create Jobs and Expand Business
- ☒ Build Public Facilities
- ☐ Strong Neighborhoods Initiative and Affordable Housing

BACKGROUND

In FY 2008-2009, the Redevelopment Agency Board and the City of San José authorized HMH Engineers to conduct a conceptual feasibility study of an interchange connection from Senter Road to Interstate 280 using the existing grade separation structure at the abandoned railroad right-of-way between 11th Street and McLaughlin Avenue to relieve traffic congestion and reduce noise in the neighboring streets.

HMH Engineers have identified four alternatives that will provide direct vehicle access to and from Senter Road and I-280. These alternatives need to be further evaluated by a planning study that would entail physically going to the location and conducting a study that would meet Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Caltrans and Valley Transportation Agency (VTA) requirements. This study would define the scope of the project, identify any environmental or technical issues and obtain a written concurrence with the alternative concepts.

Improved freeway access is needed to support the industrial businesses in the south and central areas of San José. The Strong Neighborhoods Initiative (SNI) Improvement Plans, specifically in the Spartan Keyes and Tully Senter areas have identified the need to find another route that will hopefully minimize or eliminate truck traffic and noise as well as congestion from the existing I-280 travel route.

This request is intended to retain flexibility to access funds for further technical and environmental analysis and studies to the Senter Road/I-280 Interchange Connection in the amount of \$250,000 to be allocated in the FY 2013-2014 Capital Improvement Program. Funds will be used to conduct a Project Study and Environmental Report that will allow the project to conform with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Caltrans and Valley Transportation Agency (VTA) procedures.

These studies will help develop alternative travel routes that will relieve traffic congestion and minimize or eliminate traffic noise in the neighborhoods.